GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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FOOD FOR WORK PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the selection of 150 districts for the implementation of the National Scheme `food for work` of the Government has been completed:

(b) if so, the district-wise and state-wise details alongwith the criteria for such identification of districts;

(c) the time by when this scheme is likely to be implemented;

(d) whether the backward districts selected under Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana have been included in this scheme;

(e) whether rural housing development through special schemes are implemented by D.R.D.A/N.G.O`s falling under district council;

(f) if so, the State-wise details thereof for the last three years and till date;

g) whether Non-Governmental Organisations have been banned by the Government to work on special new projects;

h) if so, the details thereof; and

i) the time by which Non-Governmental Organisations are proposed to be allotted the rural housing development work by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The National Food for Work Programme (NFFWP) has been launched from the month of November 2004 in 150 most backward Districts of the Country to generate additional supplementary wage employment with food security. All the 27 States except Goa have been covered under the programme. The criteria of identification of 150 most backward Districts are:

For the States (other than special category States and States in the North Eastern region except Assam) most backward Districts have been chosen on the basis of an exercise undertaken by the Planning Commission using three parameters, namely i) agricultural productivity per worker, ii) agricultural wage rate and iii) SC/ST population. For the special category States and the States in N.E. region (except Assam), districts were identified from out of the list selected under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY). The State Governments have also been consulted while finalizing the Districts. The number of Districts allocated to each State on the basis of above criteria is given at Annexure - I. Out of 150 identified Districts, 83 happen to be RSVY Districts.

(e) & (f) The Ministry of Rural Development implements Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) to provide assistance to rural BPL shelterless families for construction of houses. The programme is implemented through the DRDA/Zilla Parishad. The other small Schemes such as Innovative Stream for Rural Housing & Habitat Development, Rural Building Centres (RBCs) and Samgra Awas Yojana (SAY) have been discontinued w.e.f. 1.4.2004. However, ongoing projects under these Schemes will be completed. About 170 projects under the Innovative Stream for Rural Housing and Habitat Development and 85 projects under Rural Building Centres (RBCs) were sanctioned to DRDAs/NGOs from 1999-2000 and 2003-2004. The state-wise number of projects sanctioned is given at Annexure − II.

(g) to (i) Since, the Innovative Stream for Rural Housing and Habitat Development, Rural Building Centres (RBCs) and Samgra Awas Yojana (SAY) have been discontinued, further sanctioning of projects to Non-Government Organizations does not arise.

ANNEXURE- I

Annexure referred to reply in parts (b to d) of Reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1755 due for 10-12-2004.

Sl No	States	No. of Distircts Identified

1 Andhra Pradesh	8
2 Arunachal Pradesh	1
3 Assam	5
4 Bihar	15
5 Chattisgarh	10
6 Gujarat	6
7 Haryana	1
8 Himachal Pradesh	1
9 Jammu & Kashmir	2
10 Jharkhand	14
11 Karnatka	3
12 Kerala	1
13 Madhya Pradesh	15
14 Maharashtra	11
15 Manipur	1
16 Meghalaya	1
17 Mizoram	1
18 Nagaland	1
19 Orissa	18
20 Punjab	1
21 Rajasthan	5
22 Sikkim	1
23 Tamil Nau	4
24 Tripura	1
25 Uttranchal	2
26 Uttar Pradesh	15
27 West Bengal	6
Total	150

ANNEXURE- II

Annexure referred to reply in part (e) of Reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1755 due for 10-12-2004.

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Number of projects sanctioned under Innovative Rural Building Stream	Centres
1	Andhra Pradesh	18	9
2	Arunachal Pradesh	14	1
3	Assam	7	3
4	Bihar	3	5
5	Gujarat	2	14
6	Haryana	2	3
7	Himachal Pradesh	6	4
8	Jammu and Kashmir	1	2
9	Jharkhand	0	1
10	Karnataka	5	6
11	Kerla	4	0
12	Madhya Pradesh	5	7
13	Maharashtra	8	1
14	Manipur	8	2
15	Meghalaya	6	0
16	Mizoram	2	0
17	Nagaland	7	2
18	Orissa	1	9
19	Punjab	1	0
20	Rajasthan	7	1
21	Tamilnadu	22	3
22	Tripura	1	0
23	Uttar Pradesh	34	7
24	Uttaranchal	1	3
25	West Bengal	3	2
26	Reputed Org.	2	0
Total		170	85